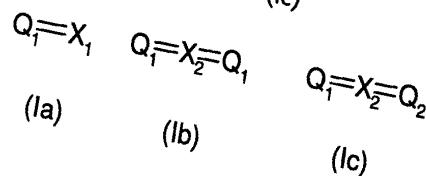


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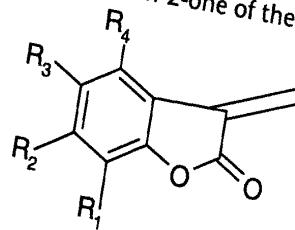
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (amended) A compound of the formula (Ia), (Ib) or (Ic)

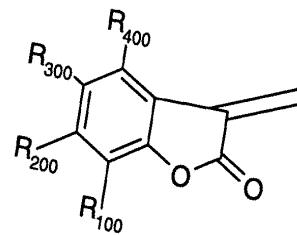


in which

Q_1 is a benzofuran-2-one of the formula (IIa), and
 Q_2 is a benzofuran-2-one of the formula (IIb)



(IIa)



(IIb)

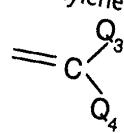
in which

(IIb)

$R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_{100}, R_{200}, R_{300}$ or R_{400} independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, ether, nitro, an amine, amide, imine, urethane, sulfonamide, ester, carboxylic acid or sulfonic acid radical or carboxylic salt, sulfonic salt or substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{24} alkyl, C_1 - C_{24} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{24} alkylthio, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkylthio, C_2 - C_{24} alkenyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_6 - C_{24} aralkyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryloxy, C_6 - C_{24} arylthio, A_3 - A_{18} heteroaryl, A_3 - A_{18} heteroaryloxy or A_3 - A_{18} heteroarylthio, or R_1 and R_2 , R_2 and R_3 , R_3 and R_4 or R_{100} and R_{200} , or R_{200} and R_{300} or R_{400} independently of one another in each case together are di- or polycyclic radicals.

another in each case together are divalent, substituted or unsubstituted radicals, such as polycyclic radicals or 1,3-butadien-1,4-ylene or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{NH}-$, the two last radicals forming a additional fused-on 5- or 6-membered ring, and
 X_1 is a hydrazone or imine radical, with the proviso that one R_1 , R_2 , R_3 or R_4 is methyl, or

X₁, *R₁*, *R₂*, *R₃* and *R₄*, independently of one another, substituted or unsubstituted radicals, such as 1,3-butadien-1,4-ylene or -CH=CH-NH-, the two last radicals forming an additional fused-on 5- or 6-membered ring, and



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Q_3 is a substituted or unsubstituted primary or secondary amine radical and Q_4 is independently of one another are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{24} alkyl, -
 $CO-(C_1-C_{24}$ alkyl), - $CO-O-(C_1-C_{24}$ alkyl), C_1-C_{24} alkoxy, C_1-C_{24} alkylthio,
 C_5-C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_5-C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_5-C_{12} cycloalkylthio, C_2-C_{24} alkenyl, C_6-C_{24} aryl,
- $CO-O-(C_6-C_{24}$ aryl), - $CO-(C_6-C_{24}$ aryl), C_6-C_{24} aryloxy, a primary or secondary amine radical, C_6-C_{12} arylthio, C_6-C_{25} aralkyl, A_5-A_{18} heteroaryl, A_5-A_{18} heteroaryloxy or A_5-A_{18} heteroarylthio,
or

Q_3 and Q_4 together are a lactam, quinomethylene, hydantoin, acenaphthenequinone, azlactone, pyrazolonyl, barbituric acid, isoindolinone or isoindoline radical,

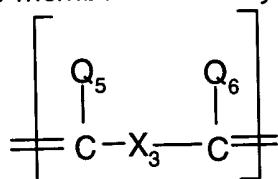
with the proviso that Q_3 and Q_4 are not phenyl or

Q_3 is not hydrogen and Q_4 is not methyl, 4-aminophenyl, 4-dimethylaminophenyl or
- $OCO-4-(1$ -chlorophenylene) if R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen, or Q_3 is not hydrogen and Q_4 is
not 4-aminophenyl if R_1 and R_3 are tert- C_5H_{11} alkyl, or Q_3 is not hydrogen and Q_4 is not
2-hydroxyphenyl if R_1 and R_3 are tert-butyl, or

Q_{43} is not hydrogen and Q_{44} is not a primary or secondary amine radical if R_3 is hydrogen,
methoxy or hydroxyl and R_1 , R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen, or Q_{43} is not hydrogen and Q_{44} is not a
secondary amine radical if R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen,

and

X_2 is a tetravalent 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring, or is



in which

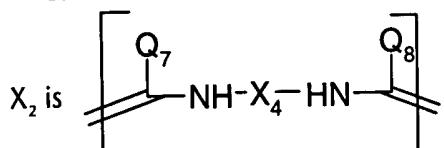
X_3 is a single bond, unsubstituted or substituted C_6-C_{24} arylene, A_5-A_{18} heteroarylene,
1,2-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene, 1,4-phenylene or naphthylene, or a tetravalent polyether,
polyimine, polyamine radical, or bi(C_6-C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5-A_{18})heteroarylene, C_2-C_{24} alkenylene,
in which bi(C_6-C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5-A_{18})heteroarylene or C_2-C_{24} alkenylene can be interrupted by
one or more intermediate units such as - $CH=CH-$, - $CH=N-$, - $N=N-$, - $CR_{44}R_{42}-$, - $CO-$, - $COO-$,
- $OCO-$, - $NR_{42}CO-$, - $CONR_{42}-$, - $O-$, - $S-$, - $SO-$, - SO_2- or - $NR_{42}-$,

in which

R_{42} and R_{44} independently of one another are hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted
 C_1-C_{24} alkyl, C_5-C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2-C_{24} alkenyl, C_6-C_{24} aryl, C_6-C_{25} aralkyl or A_5-A_{18} heteroaryl with the
proviso that if R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_{100} , R_{200} , R_{300} , R_{400} are all tert-butyl or hydrogen and Q_5 and Q_6 are
hydrogen, X_3 is not 1,4-phenylene, and

Q_5 and Q_6 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_6 - C_{24} aryloxy, C_1 - C_{24} alkyl, C_1 - C_{24} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{24} alkylthio, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkylthio, C_2 - C_{24} alkenyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_6 - C_{24} aryloxy, C_6 - C_{24} arylthio or A_5 - A_{18} heteroaryl, A_5 - A_{18} heteroaryloxy, A_5 - A_{18} heteroarylthio,

or

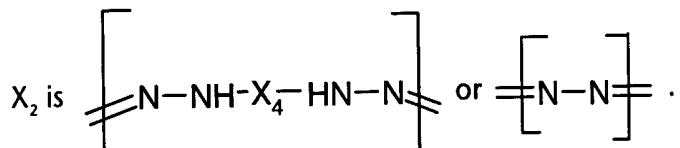


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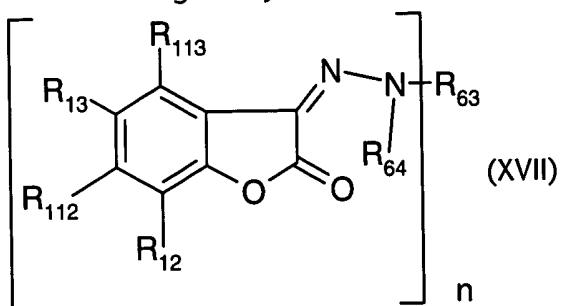
Q_5 and Q_6 independently of one another are Q_5 or Q_6 , and

X_4 is C_6 - C_{24} arylene, A_5 - A_{18} heteroarylene, a polymethylidene or divalent polyether, polyimine, polyamine radical, or bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5 - A_{18})heteroarylene, C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene, in which bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5 - A_{18})heteroarylene or C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene can be interrupted by one or more intermediate units such as -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=N-, -CR₄₄R₄₂-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -NR₄₂CO-, -CONR₄₂-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR₄₂-,

or



3. (amended) A compound according to any one of claims 1 and 2, of the formula (XVII)



in which,

if n is 1

R_{64} independently of R_{63} is a radical as defined under R_{63} or is hydrogen, and
 R_{63} is substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl,
 C_6 - C_{12} aryl, C_7 - C_{13} aralkyl, or A_5 - A_{12} heteroaryl, and

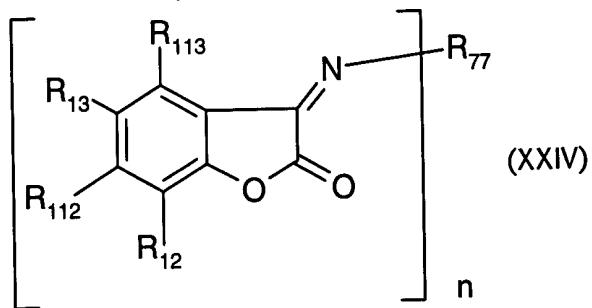
if n is 2

R_{63} is unsubstituted or substituted C_6 - C_{18} arylene, A_5 - A_{18} heteroarylene, C_5 - C_6 cycloalkyl or a divalent polymethylidene, polyether, polyimine, polyamine radical, or bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene,

bi(A₅-A₁₈)heteroarylene, C₂-C₂₄alkenylene, in which
 bi(C₆-C₂₄)arylene, bi(A₅-A₁₈)heteroarylene or C₂-C₂₄alkenylene can be interrupted and/or connected
 to one another by a direct bond or by one or more intermediate units such as -CH=CH-, -CH=N-,
 -N=N-, -CR₄₄R₄₂-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -NR₄₂CO-, -CONR₄₂-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR₄₂-,
 with the proviso that if R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₁₂₃ and R₁₁₃₄ are hydrogen or at least one an R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₁₂ and R₁₁₃
 R₁, R₂, R₃ or R₄ is methyl, the hydrazone radical is excluded,

or

a compound of the formula (XXIV)

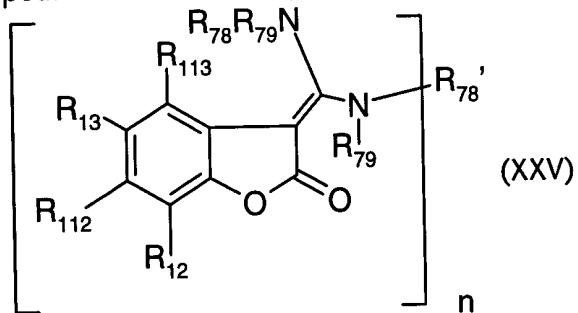


in which, if n is 1,

R₇₇ is substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₅-C₆cycloalkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl,
 C₆-C₁₂aryl, C₇-C₁₃aralkyl or A₅-A₁₂heteroaryl, with the proviso that in formula (XXIV), if R₁₂, R₁₁₂, R₁₃
 or R₁₁₃ are hydrogen, R₇₇ is not unsubstituted phenylimine or 4-dimethylaminophenylimine,

or

a compound of the formula (XXV)



in which

if n is 1

R₇₈, R₇₈' and R₇₉ independently of one another are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted
 C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₁-C₁₂alkoxy, C₁-C₁₂alkylthio, C₅-C₆cycloalkoxy,
 C₅-C₆cycloalkylthio, C₆-C₂₄aryloxy, C₆-C₂₄arylthio or A₅-A₁₂heteroaryloxy, A₅-A₁₂heteroarylthio, C₅-
 C₆cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₆-C₁₂aryl, C₇-C₁₃aralkyl, or A₅-A₁₂heteroaryl, or independently of one
 another are hydrogen, and

if n is 2

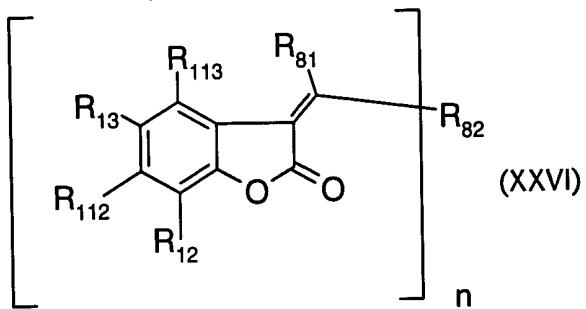
R_{78} and R_{79} are as defined above when n is 1, and

R_{78}' is a direct bond or substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{24} arylene, A_5 - A_{18} heteroarylene, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl or bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5 - A_{18})heteroarylene, C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene, in which bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5 - A_{18})heteroarylene, C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene can be interrupted by a direct bond or by one or more intermediate units such as -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=N-, -CR₄₄R₄₂-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -NR₄₂CO-, -CONR₄₂-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR₄₂-,

in which

R_{42} and R_{44} independently of one another are hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{24} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{24} alkenyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_7 - C_{25} aralkyl, or A_5 - A_{18} heteroaryl, or

a compound of the formula (XXVI)



in which

if n is 1

R_{81} and R_{82} are C_6 - C_{12} aryl, if R_{12} , R_{112} , R_{13} or R_{113} are not hydrogen, or

R_{81} is a substituted or unsubstituted primary or secondary amine radical and R_{82} independently is of one another are hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, -CO-(C_1 - C_{24} alkyl), -CO-O-(C_1 - C_{24} alkyl), C_6 - C_{12} aryloxy, C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{12} alkylthio, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, a primary or secondary amine radical, C_6 - C_{18} aryl, -CO-O-(C_6 - C_{24} aryl), -CO-(C_6 - C_{24} aryl), C_6 - C_{18} aryloxy, C_6 - C_{18} arylthio or A_5 - A_{12} heteroaryl, A_5 - A_{12} heteroaryloxy, A_5 - A_{12} heteroarylthio, or R_{81} and R_{82} together are a lactam, quinomethylene, hydantoin, acenaphthenequinone, azlactone, pyrazolonyl, barbituric acid, isoindolinone or isoindoline radical,

with the proviso that R_{81} and R_{82} are not phenyl or

R_{81} is not hydrogen and R_{82} is not methyl, 4-aminophenyl, 4-dimethylaminophenyl or -OCO-4-(1-chlorophenylene) if R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen, or R_{81} is not hydrogen and R_{82} is not 4-aminophenyl if R_1 and R_3 are tert- C_5H_{11} alkyl, or R_{81} is not hydrogen and R_{82} is not 2-hydroxyphenyl if R_1 and R_3 are tert-butyl, or

R_{81} is not hydrogen and R_{82} is not a primary or secondary amine radical if R_{133} is hydrogen, methoxy or hydroxyl and R_{121} , R_{1122} and R_{1134} are hydrogen, or R_{81} is not hydrogen and R_{82} is not

a secondary amine radical if R_{121} , R_{1122} , R_{133} and R_{1134} are hydrogen, and

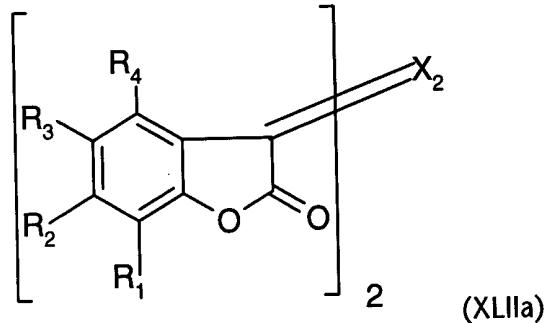
if n is 2

R_{82} is a single bond, an unsubstituted or substituted C_6 - C_{18} arylene, especially 1,2-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene, 1,4-phenylene or naphthylene or $(A_5$ - $A_{18})$ heteroarylene or bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, especially biphenylene, bi(A_5 - $A_{18})$ heteroarylene, C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene, in which bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bi(A_5 - $A_{18})$ heteroarylene or C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene, can be interrupted by one or more intermediate units such as -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=N-,
-CR₄₂R₄₂⁻, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -NR₄₂CO-, -CONR₄₂⁻, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR₄₂⁻,

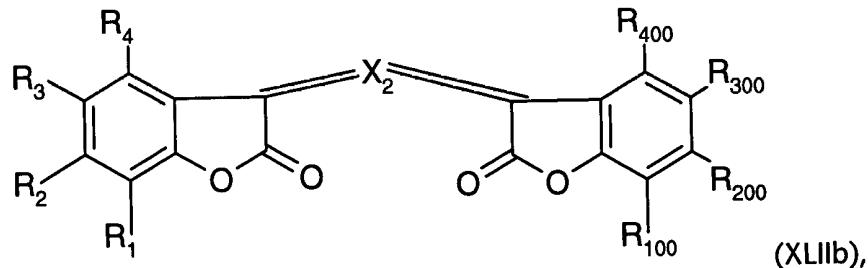
in which

R_{42} and R_{44} independently of one another are hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{24} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{24} alkenyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_7 - C_{25} aralkyl, or A_5 - A_{18} heteroaryl with the proviso that if R_{121} , R_{1122} , R_{133} and R_{1134} are hydrogen, R_{82} is not 1,4-phenylene.

12. (amended) A composition consisting of from 2 to 10, preferably 2 or 3, compounds of the formulae (Ia), (Ib) and/or (Ic) according to claim 1, and/or (XLIIa) and/or (XLIIb) according to claim 9, and/or dimeric benzofuran-2-ones of the formulae (XLIIa) and/or (XLIIb)



or



in which

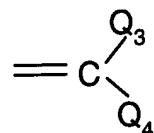
X_2 is (C_6 - C_{24})arylene, (A_5 - $A_{18})$ heteroarylene or a divalent polymethylidene, polyether, polyimine, polyamine radical, or bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene or bi(A_5 - $A_{18})$ heteroarylene, the bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene or bi(A_5 - $A_{18})$ heteroarylene radical being attached directly or via a substituted or unsubstituted carbon,

nitrogen, oxygen or (-N=N-) diradical, with the proviso that if R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₁₀₀, R₂₀₀, R₃₀₀ and R₄₀₀ are hydrogen, X₂ is not CH-(C₂H₄)-CH.

13. (amended) A composition of matter comprising a high molecular weight organic material and at least one compound of the formulae (Ia), (Ib), (Ic) according to claim 1

in which

X₁ is X₁₀, where X₁₀ is a substituted or unsubstituted hydrazone or imine radical, or is a methylene radical



in which

Q₃ and Q₄ are Q₆ and Q₇, and independently of one another are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₂₄alkyl, -CO-(C₁-C₂₄alkyl), -CO-O-(C₁-C₂₄alkyl), C₁-C₂₄alkoxy, C₁-C₂₄alkylthio, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylthio, C₂-C₂₄alkenyl, a primary or secondary amine radical, C₆-C₂₄aryl, -CO-O-(C₆-C₂₄aryl), -CO-(C₆-C₂₄aryl), C₆-C₂₄aryloxy, C₆-C₁₂arylthio, C₇-C₂₅aralkyl or A₅-A₁₈heteroaryl, or

Q₃ and Q₄ together are a lactam, quinomethylene, hydantoin, acenaphthenequinone, azlactone, pyrazolonyl, barbituric acid, isoindolinone or isoindoline radical,

or

a composition according to claim 12, (XIIa) or (XIIb) according to claim 9, in a colouringly effective amount.